Amendments to the Specification:

Please replace paragraph 32 on page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0032] FIG. 6C illustrates auxiliary data structures that may be used by global analysis computations in accordance with certain implementations of the invention. The auxiliary data structures include a duplicates table 670, an anchor text table [[673]] 672, and a rank table 674. The duplicates table 670 identifies documents that are duplicates of each other and identifies a "master" among duplicates. The anchor text table 672 collects anchor text pointing to each document in the store 210. The rank table associates a static rank with each document in the store 210. Thus, the global analysis component 134 is capable of performing any global analysis computations used by the information retrieval system 130, using data structures used by each of these global analysis computations. The global analysis computations and data structures presented herein are just examples of possible scenarios. The global analysis computations and data structures presented herein are useful to illustrate how the global analysis computations are integrated in the index build process and how intermediate results may be shared among global analysis computations in a pipelined manner.

Please replace paragraph 33 on page 10 with the following rewritten paragraph:

[0033] The duplicates table 670, anchor text table [[673]] 672, and rank table 674 are derived from a global analysis of the documents in the store 210. Although the duplicates table 670, anchor text table [[673]] 672, and rank table 674 are illustrated as single entities, one or more of the duplicates table 670, anchor text table [[673]] 672, and rank table 674 may be implemented as one or more tables in storage (e.g., disk). A subscript used with each data structure denotes which version of the store 210 that the data structure reflects. For example, Ranki+1 corresponds to the ranking of documents in Storei+1.